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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR SHORT SUPPLY COMMODITIES

REF: A. STATE 74777; B. STATE 79983

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR SHORT SUPPLY COMMODITIES WITH MINISTRIES FONAFF AND FOREIGN TRADE. WHILE SOME THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PROBLEM ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS, MINISTRIES HAVE NOT YET OFFICIALLY FOCUSED ON PROBLEM BUT EXPECT TO DO SO IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS INSTRUCTED REF A, EMBOFF DISCUSSED POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO GOVERN USE OF EXPORT CONTROLS WHICH LIMIT AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES TO FOREIGN BUYERS WITH MINISTRY FONAFF (MFA) REP CALAMIA (DIR, OFFICE OF EC-GATT AFFAIRS) AND MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) REP SIMEONE (OIC, GATT AFFAIRS). UNFORTUNATELY, REF B ARRIVED AFTER THESE DISCUSSIONS.

3. MFA REP CALAMIA INDICATED SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITHIN MFA OR ON INTER-MINISTERIAL BASIS WITHIN GOI. HE NOTED THAT MATTER WILL REQUIRE COMMON EC POSITION SINCE EXPORT CONTROLS ARE WITHIN COMPETENCE OF EC AND NOT RPT NOT INDIVIDUAL MEMBER GOVTS. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR BEING BRIEFED ON USG THINKING TO DATE.

4. MFT REP SIMEONE STATED MFT HAS NOT OFFICIALLY FOCUSED ON PROBLEM BUT THAT HE HAD GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO IT. ON PERSONAL BASIS, HE AGREES WITH LINE USG REPS HAVE TAKEN BEFORE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE DURING TRADE BILL HEARINGS. HE FIRMLY BELIEVES SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE AND CAN BE DONE, PERHAPS WITHIN CONTEXT OF GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. COMMODITIES OF GREATEST INTEREST TO ITALY ARE PETROLEUM, FERROUS SCRAP, COPPER SOYBEANS, WOOD PULP, AND BAUXITE. SIMEONE NOTED THAT US HAD IMPOSED EXPORT CONTROLS ON SEVERAL OF THESE IMPORTANT COMMODITIES AND WONDERED IF USG WOULD BE WILLING ADHERE STRICTLY TO ANY INTERNATIONALLY AGREED GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES. HE, TOO, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BEING BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON USG THINKING.

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5. BOTH CALAMIA AND SIMEONE PROMISED PROVIDE GOI REACTION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

6. COMMENT: SINCE THIS PROBLEM IS WITHIN PRIMARY JURISDICTION MFT, SIMEONE WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT INPUT IN DETERMINING GOI ATTITUDE. VOLPE

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